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PEKING FOR DR. PRESS, GENEVA ALSO FOR USDEL SALT

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY ON SHCHARANSKIY AND  
GINZBURG TRIALS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY SECRETARY  
JULY 8, 1978:
2. "DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NEXT  
WEEK THE SOVIET UNION WILL START THE TRIALS OF SEVERAL  
PROMINENT DISSIDENTS.
3. "THESE MEN AND WOMEN OF UNCOMMON COURAGE ARE BEING PUT  
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ON TRIAL ON A NUMBER OF PRETEXTS. IN TRUTH, THEY ARE BEING  
TRIED FOR ASSERTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS -- TO SPEAK  
OUT AND TO PETITION AND CRITICIZE THEIR GOVERNMENT --  
RIGHTS GUARANTEED IN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO  
BY THEIR GOVERNMENT.

4. "THESE TRIALS, WITH THEIR LACK OF DUE PROCESS, VIOLATE

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE.

5. "I REFLECT THE DEEPEST FEELINGS AND VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN I DEPLORE THESE EVENTS.

6. "THEY INEVITABLY AFFECT THE CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONS AND IMPOSE OBSTACLES TO THE BUILDING OF CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

7. "MY PLANS TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO NEXT WEDNESDAY IN GENEVA ARE UNCHANGED. WE WILL PERSIST IN OUR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A SOUND SALT II AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD PEACE TO DO SO.

8. "I HAVE OFTEN EXPRESSED TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES OUR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS. I SHALL DO SO AGAIN NEXT WEEK.

9. "IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WE HAVE TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS. YESTERDAY I ASKED BARBARA BLUM, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND HER DELEGATION TO CANCEL THEIR TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. I HAVE TODAY, AT THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION, INSTRUCTED THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR, FRANK PRESS, AND HIS DELEGATION TO DO LIKEWISE.  
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10. "LET ME SAY FINALLY THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR BASIC HUMAN FREEDOM IS NOT A SHORT-TERM EFFORT. WE WILL PERSEVERE BECAUSE OF OUR ENDURING BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL." VANCE

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